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conveying the module in a first direction past a first treating head to remove a peripheral portion of a textile face of the module;

conveying the module in a direction orthogonal to the first direction, or in the same direction after rotating the module, past a second treating head.

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8. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising moving the module relative to the shear.

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10. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising moving the shear relative to the module.

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11. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for creating a flooring module of textile fiber face having edges different in appearance from the remainder of the face comprising:
at least two shears for treating a set of opposed edges of the module; and
a conveyor for moving the module past the shears.

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12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the conveyor moves each of the module edges past at least one of the shears.

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13. (Twice Amended) Floor covering, comprising a plurality of modules of textile fiber face material having edges and having portions of the face near the edges different in appearance from the remainder of the face as a result of removal of face material, the modules positioned with abutting edges.

14. (Amended) An apparatus for creating a grouted edge appearance on a rectangular flooring module having a textile fiber face and at least a first and second pair of opposed edges, comprising:

a first conveyor for advancing the module past a first pair of treating heads to treat the first pair of opposed edges of the module; and

a second conveyor for advancing the module past a second pair of treating heads to treat the second pair of opposed edges of the module.

15. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein each treating head comprises a heat source.

20. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the position of at least one treating head relative to a module edge is adjustable.

21. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the position of the hot air gun relative to a module edge is adjustable.

23. (Amended) A method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module having an upper surface comprising a textile face comprising:

conveying the module in a first direction past at least one treating head;

conveying the module in a direction orthogonal to the first direction, or in the same direction after rotating the module, past at least one other treating head.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising compressing and consolidating at least a portion of the upper surface textile face of the module without penetrating a back surface of the module.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising embossing at least a portion of the upper surface textile face of the module.

27. (Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising applying a hot melt adhesive to at least a portion of the upper surface textile face of the module.

30. (Amended) The flooring module of claim 28, wherein the different appearance on the peripheral portion of the upper wear surface is created by using an energy source to transfer energy to the upper wear surface.

36. (Amended) Floor covering comprising at least two flooring modules of claim 35 positioned so that an edge of a first module is adjacent an edge of a second module so that glue applied to the adjacent edges bonds to provide a bonded moisture resistant floor covering.

47. (Amended) Floor covering, comprising a plurality of modules of textile fiber face material having edges and having portions of the face near the edges different in appearance from the remainder of the face, the modules positioned with abutting edges.